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The opening sections treat of the general geography and the peoples of north Africa, with a *résumé* of its history. Studies of the regional geography occupy 170, economic geography, 100, and political geography, 55 pages. Each of the 26 sections is introduced with a bibliography and concludes with a *résumé*. The volume has a good index of geographical names.

**Indien. Das alte Wunderland und seine Bewohner. Geschildert von Hans Gehring.** Part I. vi and 260 pp. and 92 Illustrations from Photographs. Otto Spamer, Leipzig, 1907.

Part II. of this work has not yet reached the Society. The first volume indicates that Mr. Gehring has carried out his purpose quite successfully. His aim was to compress in about 500 large octavo pages so much of India, in all its chief phases of interest, that the work might be an adequate reading and reference book in small compass. No attempt has heretofore been made to produce such a work covering the whole of India.

The author devotes each chapter to one topic or a group of allied topics. In his chapter, for example, on the present population of India he deals concisely with the languages, the caste system and the racial divisions of the people. Twenty pages include all the author has to say on the women of India, their position, education, child marriages, widowhood, etc. In six pages he condenses his remarks on the religious and philosophical literature of India.

The success of the work, of course, depends upon the author's selection of the things that must be said and his suppression of all data that are not essential in giving a broad view of the matters treated. Mr. Gehring seems to have been equal to this severe test. The volume does not read like a handbook. Its topics, under each head, are easily and naturally connected and he makes them interesting. One may read his pages without constantly seeing the marks of rigid condensation. The reason is because the author has limited his treatment to the vital things without especially compressing his statement or description of what these things are. The illustrations are excellent and typical.

**Souvenirs d'Égypte. Par Émile Daullia.** 167 pp. Paris, Augustin Challamel, 1908.

A book with literary flavour and a readable supplement to the guide books which the tourist carries. The author gives impressionist views of the general aspects of Egypt and of the monuments and ruins which distinguish it. Many who make the Nile journey may profit by reading this little volume at the outset, for it will give them points of view which they might easily overlook. The work treats of the great objects of interest from Alexandria to Assuan. It is of the nature of a helpful bit of reading before or during the journey and of a pleasant souvenir of the Egyptian tour.

**Botanische und Landwirtschaftliche Studien auf Java. Von Dr. W. Detmer.** 124 pp. and 2 Photographs. Gustav Fischer in Jena, 1907. (Price, M. 2.50.)

Dr. Detmer has treated the botany of Java with an especial view to the economic importance of its plant life. His book is a thoroughly well arranged study of that part of the vegetation which is utilized in the industries. It deals with the general industrial conditions and describes the soils of Java, the culture of